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No. 13-I-1201

IN THE MATTER OF:

PETER RANDALL GALVAN, M.D.
(Certificate No. 020592),
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

Peter Randall Galvan, M.D. ("Dr. Galvan"), is, and at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein, was licensed by the Board to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1261 *et seq.*, as evidenced by License No. 020592.

On or about October 11, 2013, the United States Department of Justice filed a Bill of Information against Dr. Galvan for Conspiracy to Commit Theft of Property and Money from a Municipal Institution Receiving Federal Funds.¹ The Bill of Information alleges, among other things, that Dr. Galvan, while serving as Coroner of St. Tammany Parish, conspired to and did (1) pay himself for unearned annual and sick leave, (2) use St. Tammany Parish employees' time to fulfill a private contract with the City of Slidell, and (3) buy meals and items for his personal use with Coroner's office funds. On or about October 23, 2013, Dr. Galvan pled guilty as charged in the Bill of Information to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Theft of Property and Money from a Municipal Institution Receiving Federal Funds.

Predicated upon the foregoing information, the Investigating Officer assigned by the Board with respect to this matter has determined that reasonable cause exists to file formal charges against Dr. Galvan for violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285(A)(1), (10), and (13).²

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Galvan, without admitting any violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, and for purposes of this Consent Order only, acknowledges that such information would provide the Board with a reasonable basis to initiate formal

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administrative proceedings against his license pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, constituting cause for such action against the physician's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate.

Recognizing his right to written notification of any charges that may be asserted against him as a result of this investigation, as well as the right to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time he would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 et seq., Dr. Galvan, nonetheless, hereby waives his rights to notice, formal adjudication and written decision and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Furthermore, Dr. Galvan acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 et seq., or to which he otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Galvan also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Galvan expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of any administrative charges that may subsequently be filed in this matter against him, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, accordingly, and upon the recommendation of the Investigating Officer assigned to this matter, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the forgoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Peter Galvan, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 020592, be and the same is hereby, **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the reinstatement of Dr. Galvan's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana shall be subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms and conditions:

- (A) **Suspension of Practice/Reinstatement.** Dr. Galvan shall not practice medicine of any form in the state of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves on him a written order reinstating his license to practice medicine. As express conditions to the consideration of a request for reinstatement, Dr. Galvan shall have: (1) been released from any period of incarceration and shall have successfully completed any period of probation/supervised release that may be imposed by virtue of the above

mentioned criminal conviction, or have waited for the passage of one (1) year from the effective date of this Order, whichever is the longer; and (2) scheduled and met with the Investigating Officer to discuss his then-current status and plans.

(B) Medical Ethics. Dr. Galvan shall provide confirmation that he has taken and successfully completed a course on medical ethics that is acceptable to and approved by the Board.

(C) Personal Appearance before the Board. Dr. Galvan shall contact and arrange to personally appear before the Board or its designee following any request for reinstatement of his license to permit the Board to consider his compliance with the terms, conditions, and restrictions of this Order and to advise the Board or its designee of his intentions with respect to future practice of medicine.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth in this Order by Dr. Galvan shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Galvan's license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective on this 19th day of May, 2014.

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BY:

Mark H. Dawson M.D.
MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
President

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
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STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

I, Peter Randall Galvan, M.D. hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 8th day of April, 2014.

Peter Randall Galvan M.D.
PETER RANDALL GALVAN, M.D.

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of April, 2014, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

William P. Gibbons
Notary Public (Signature and Seal)

WILLIAM P. GIBBONS, 27225
Printed Name/Notary or Bar Number

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of April, 2014, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

William P. GIBENS
Notary Public (Signature and Seal)

WILLIAM P. GIBENS, 27225
Printed Name/Notary or Bar Number